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SUBJ: 30TH UNGA: GENERAL DEBATE STATEMENT BY ACTING

FOREIGN MINISTER OF PANAMA

1. SUMMARY: OZORES BEGAN BY NOTING THAT PANAMA WILL BE ON THE SECURITY COUNCIL DURING THE TIME OF NEGOTIATIONS FOR ANEW TREATY TO END US PERPETUITY. THE ISTHMUS HAS AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN THE LAW OF THE SEA. US EXPLOITATION IN PANAMA IS "ANACHRONISTIC." PANAMA IS "CONFIDENT" OF REACHING TREATY AGREEMENT BUT THE CANAL ZONE GOVERNMENT MUST END WITHIN THREE YEARS. PANAMA FIRMLY INTENDS TO CONVENE NEGOTIATIONS. RE DURATION; EVERY ASPECT INCLUDING DEFENSE SHOULD END IN THIS CENTURY. FOR PANAMA, THE CLIMATE OF DIALOGUE AND ACCORD IS VITAL AND INTIMATELY TIED TO INTERNATIONAL PEACE. END SUMMARY.

2. FONMIN OZORES BEGAN BY STATING THE ELECTION OF LUXEMBOURG FONMIN THORNE AS 30TH GA PRESIDENT WAS AN HONOR TO THE EQUALITY OF SOVERIEGNTY OF STATES. HE THEN STATED THAT PANAMA'S CANDIDACY FOR THE REGIONAL SEAT ON THE SECURITY COUNCIL IS A "NOBLE ACT" BY THE LATIN  
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AMERICAN STATES AND COMPELLING RECOGNITION OF PANAMA'S

CONTRIBUTION TO THE UN, SUCH AS ITS SENDING A CONTINGENT TO UNEF. HOWEVER, THE SELECTION ALSO SHOWS THE LATIN AMERICAN ATTITUDE TO "LOOK AFFECTIONATELY" TOWARD PANAMA AS THE CENTRAL HARMONIZER IN THEIR EFFORT TO IMPROVE THE SPIRIT OF INTEGRATION AND THE WELFARE OF THEIR PEOPLE. PANAMA'S PRESENCE ON THE SECURITY COUNCIL WILL COINCIDE WITH TWO EXTRAORDINARILY IMPORTANT POLITICAL EVENTS: (1) THE US ANA PANAMA NEGOTIATIONS FOR A NEW TREATY TO END "IN EVERY SENSE" US PERPETUITY; AND (2) THE JUNE 22, 1976 LATIN AMERICAN SUMMIT MEETING TO COMMEMORATE THE 150TH "ANFITIONIC CONGRESS," CALLED BY BOLIVAR TO ESTABLISH MECHANISM TO ASSURE LATIN INDEPENDENCE AGAINST FOREIGN DOMINATION.

3. HE QUOTED VENEZUELAN PRESIDENT PERES' MARCH 24, 1975 REMARKS THAT THE 150 TH ANNIVERSARY IS MEAN TO BE AN ACT OF "INTEGRAL SOVEREIGNTY".

4. OZORES THEN REFERRED TO SELA AND STATED THAT IT WOULD BE A HIGH HONOR TO HAVE THE SEAT OF THIS ESSENTIALLY LATIN ORGANIZATION TO BE IN PANAMA. HE DESCRIBES SELA AS A REGIONAL INSTRUMENT FOR CONSULTATION, COORDINATION, COOPERATION AND ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT AND SAID THAT IT SHOULD UNDERTAKE JOINT PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS TO THE FORMATION OF MULTI-NATIONAL ENTERPRISES RECONCILING THE FUNDAMENTAL INTERESTS OF THE REGION WITH THE NEW INTERNATIONAL ORDER.

5. TURNING TO THE LAW OF THE SEA, HE OUTLINED PANAMA AS AN "ESSENTIALLY MARITIME NATION". FURTHER, THE GEOGRAPHIC POSITION OF THE ISTHMUS IS, IN LARGE PART, A FUNCTION OF TH OCEAN WHEN TRANSPORT AND RELATIVE COMMERCE ARE CONSIDERED. THEY ARE AWARE OF THE ISTHMUS ROLE IN PEACEFUL COMMERCE AND INTEND TO PERMIT THE SAFE AND RAPID TRANSIT OF ALL THE SHIPS OF THE WORLD, AND PLANS A POLICY OF GREAT LIBERTY WITHOUT ANY DISCRIMINATION WHATSOEVER, WITH AT THE SAME TIME RULES FOR "PERMANENT NEUTRALITY" GUARANTEED BY THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY."

6. HE DESCRIBED THE "ANACHRONISTIC SITUATION" WHEREBY US BOTH EXPLOITS PANAMA'S GEOGRAPHIC POSITION  
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AND PREVENTS ITS USE OF ITS MOST IMPORTANT PORTS, THROUGH "ILLEGITIMATE APPROPRIATION."

7. PANAMA WANTS PEACE AND INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION THROUGHOUT THE WORLD AND SUPPORTS THOSE WHO OPPOSE IMPERIALIST AND COLONIALIST POLICIES. FOR THIS REASON, PANAMA JOINED THE NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT WITH ITS POSITIONS OF ANTI-IMPERIALISM, ANTI-COLONIALISM, POWER POLITICS

AND HEGEMONIC POLITICS, AS WELL AS ANY SCHEME BASED  
ON OFFENSIVE RACIST DISCRIMINATION.

8. PANAMA HAS BEEN FIGHTING FOR 70 YEARS AGAINST A  
COLONIAL SITUATION AFFECTING ITS TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY  
AND HAS SEEN IN THE NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT A MOVE TO DEFEND  
THIRD WORLD INTERESTS. PANAMA NOT ONLY ADHERES TO THE  
LIMA PROGRAM BUT ALSO TO THE NON-ALIGNED EFFORT TO  
ESTABLISH A NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER WHICH  
"SIGNIFIES ITS TOTAL AND COMPLETE EMANCIPATION THROUGH  
THE RECOVERY AND CONTROL OF ITS RICHES AND NATURAL RE-  
SOURCES".

9. THE MINISTER NOTED THAT THE 1973 SECURITY COUNCIL  
MEETING CONSIDERED THE PANAMA CANAL QUESTION AS A CONSTANT  
SOURCE OF CONFLICT BETWEEN THE US AND PANAMA AND THAT  
THE OVERWHELMING INTERNATIONAL SUPPORT FOR PANAMA,  
PARTICULARLY FROM LATIN AMERICA, IS BEYOND CHALLENGE.  
HE THEN CITED THE KISSINGER-TACK DECLARATION WHICH HE  
REVIEWED AT LENGTH. PANAMA IS CONFIDENT ON REACHING  
AGREEMENT WITH THE US FOR THE ABOLITION OF THE CANAL  
ZONE, BUT FOR SUCH AN AGREEMENT TO BE EFFECTIVE THE  
FUNCTIONS OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE ZONE MUST CEASE WITHIN  
THREE YEARS. THE GOVERNORSHIP, THE ADMINISTRATIVE APPARATUS,  
US POLICE AND COURTS MUST ALSO END WITHIN THE PERIOD.  
PANAMA WILL ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR PUBLIC SERVICES  
AND MAIL, WHILE THE PANAMA CANAL COMPANY NOW WILL BE  
REPLACED BY A NEW ENTITY.

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10. "PANAMA HAS THE FIRM INTENT TO CONTINUE THE NEGOTIATIONS...BUT WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT THESE NEGOTIATIONS WILL HAVE TO PROCEED EFFECTIVELY IN THE PROPER DIRECTION" TO ELIMINATE THE ANACHRONISTIC COLONIAL ENCLAVE. PANAMA'S GOAL IS TOTAL AND COMPLETE DECOLONIALIZATION. THE KISSINGER-TACK DECLARATION CLEARLY ESTABLISHED A PANAMANIAN CANAL UNDER PANAMANIAN CONTROL (THIS IN CAPITALS IN THE PRINTED TEXT). CONCERNING DURATIONS, PANAMA PROPOSES A TREATY WHICH IN EVERY ASPECT "INCLUDING DEFENSE" SHOULD NOT EXTEND BEYOND THE END OF THE PRESENT CENTURY. HE NOTED THAT THE AMERICAN PRESS HAS OFTEN STATED THAT THE US SHOULD SEEK A TREATY CLAUSE FOR A LONG PERIOD OF TIME FOR THE DEFENSE OF THE CANAL, NAMELY 50 YEARS (THE 50-YEAR REFERENCE WAS NOT IN THE PRINTED TEXT) AS WELL AS THE CONTINUED RIGHT OF DEFENSE FOR AN INDEFINITE PERIOD. HISTORY SHOWS THAT PANAMA, AND ALL PEOPLES, HAVE OPPOSED ANY FORMULA WHICH WOULD BE EQUIVALENT TO PERPETUITY, BUT THERE ARE STILL NARROW-MINDED PEOPLE WITHOUT A SENSE OF HISTORY WHO WOULD PROJECT THEIR POSITION INTO THE 21ST CENTURY.

11. HE NOTED THAT THE 1903 TREATY APPLIED THE NORMS OF NEUTRALIZATION OF THE 1880 CONVENTION OF CONSTAN-  
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TINOPLE. A REGIME OF THIS KIND WOULD BE CONSISTENT WITH PRESIDENT TRUMAN'S POTSDAM DECLARATION OF 1945 ON THE SECURITY OF INTERNATIONAL WATERWAYS WHICH SHOULD BE OPEN TO THE FREE AND UNRESTRICTED USE BY ALL NATIONS OF THE WORLD. THE INTERNATIONAL LAW FOR THE PANAMA CANAL, LIKE SUEZ AND KIEL, SHOULD BE SUBJECT TO A GENERAL BODY OF COMMON RULES BUT "SUBJECT TO THE COMPETENCE OF TERRITORIAL SOVEREIGNTY". REFERRING TO TRUMAN'S STATEMENT, HE STRESSED THE PRINCIPLE THAT "ALL INTERNATIONAL WATERWAYS SHOULD BE FAIRLY USED FOR INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITY, BUT SUBJECT TO THE JURISDICTION, COMPETENCE AND CONTROL OF TERRITORIAL SOVEREIGNTY", I.E., PANAMA.

12. TURNING TO OTHER SUBJECTS, THE MINISTER NOTED WITH APPROVAL THE MIDDLE EAST SETTLEMENT, THE END OF THE INDOCHINA WAR AND THE HELSINKI CONFERENCE, AS WELL AS AFRICAN DE-COLONIALIZATION.

13. "FOR PANAMA THIS CLIMATE OF DIALOGUE AND INTERNATIONAL ACCORD IS VITAL AND NECESSARY, BECAUSE ITS CAUSE IS

INTIMATELY TIED TO INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND THE SPIRIT OF SOLIDARITY AND EQUALITY AMONG NATIONS". HE REFERRED TO THE LEGITIMATE ASPIRATIONS OF PANAMA ON THE VITAL AND DECISIVE PANAMA CANAL QUESTION, WHICH HE DESCRIBED "AS ONE OF THOSE PROBLEMS WHICH WILL INDICATE WHETHER OR NOT IT IS TRUE THAT THE GREAT POWERS HAVE LEARNED THE TRAGIC LESSONS OF OUR AGE AND HAVE DECIDED TO MARCH AT THE SIDE OF THE SMALL NATIONS" TOWARD THE IDEALS OF THE UN.

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